

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and the International Preliminary Examination Report:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~(30)~~ for controlling a television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function with an associated setup process ~~(31)~~, said setup process ~~(31)~~ comprising:

receiving an input representing a geographical area ~~(43)~~; and
providing a predetermined output when a distance between a reference point and a predetermined point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance ~~(44, 45, 46)~~.

2. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

3. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

4. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 3, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

5. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals.

6. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 5, wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

7. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 1, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.

8. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a memory ~~(27)~~—operative to store data associated with said emergency alert function; and

a processor ~~(27)~~—operative to receive an input representing a geographical area, and to enable a predetermined output responsive to said input using said data in said memory ~~(27)~~—when a distance between a reference point and a point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance.

9. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 8, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

10. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 8, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

11. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 10, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

12. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 8, wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals.

13. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 12, wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

14. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 8, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.

15. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—having an emergency alert function, comprising:

memory means ~~(27)~~—for storing data associated with said emergency alert function; and

processing means ~~(27)~~—for receiving an input representing a geographical area, and enabling a predetermined output responsive to said input using said data in said memory means ~~(27)~~—when a distance between a reference point and a point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance.

16. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

17. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

18. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 17, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

19. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals.

20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 19, wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~—of claim 15, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.